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Dear John

I Rec^d your letter by David Harris and find you have not forgot that I have your fine Pumps nor have I forgot you have my fine shoes in their place but if you think you have sustain any loss by the exchange or that fine Pumps suit you better than shoes as I suppose they do, as you are one of the Bucks of Harrisburg & the dancing season having commenced; I am willing to return you yours for mine & if you are satisfied I am.

I was much pleased with your Belles of Harrisburg, [redacted] some of them have rather prospected

of my heart that sweet and lovely
girl Miss Hubly Friend John I
have know news worth writing or
I would do it with pleasure; you
will please stick to your promise
and burn this letter as soon as read

I Remain &c

Henry P Carson

Mr I R Foster

Mr John R Foster

Harrisburg

Pennsylvania

Favored
by
Mr Tallant

Free

M Cullom

Lancaster

1853 Apr. 19

Mt Clemens ~~Mich~~. April. 19th. 1853.

My dear Parents -

Here we are in Mt Clemens - The Church in Monroe had given me, as they stated an unanimous Call to become the Pastor of their Ch - and accompanied the invitation, with the most abundant and pressing solicitations. In view of all consideration I could give the Subject, it appeared to be my duty to move my family to Monroe, which I did, renting a House, and purchasing furniture. On the first Sabbath of last February, I stated from the Pulpit, that it was my purpose (Providence favoring) to attend the approaching Session of the Monroe Presbytery, and request them to take the regular steps for my Installation - When lo and behold, immediately a Meeting was called for Monday Evening - to take into consideration the statement I had just made - The collision between friends and foes was very exciting - My friends were by far the Majority but as the opposition was large and influential, it was felt to be a Matter of prudence necessity to yield - They finally concluded to direct the Session to ask for the return of the Call placed in my hands - afterwards the Session requested me to occupy the Pulpit until Spring - I told them that in view of what had been done, it was impossible for me to preach for them any longer. The whole history of this business, private & public, I know very well, as do also all the people of Monroe - At some future day I may have the opportunity to explain it to you fully - We continued with them until last week - Our furniture (not very much either in quality or quantity) has been placed in Dr Landons House - Mr Landon very kindly consenting to take charge of it, until we shall know where to

send it - My wife and children will remain here with Dr Hall's family until I shall be permitted to provide a home for them - They are all well, and as cheerful as possible in present circumstances -

What to do, of course fills me with anxiety - Most probably in a few days I will start for a trip into Southern Ohio & Indiana - partly for health and pleasure - and mainly with the hope and prayer, that a kind Providence may go before me and prepare some inviting field of usefulness for me -

Lest you should have some unnecessary anxiety, I will simply add that the ground of objection stated, was my feeble health - My health is feeble - but not so much as it was, when I first came among them - but this was all pretense - The real cause was something apart from my qualifications - A malignant spirit, partly against myself, but chiefly against some of the families, who were most prominent in my support - had to be gratified - and hence the result -

Can you not send me a letter - Surely I need one just now - When you write, which I hope will be immediately, you can direct to this place - Mt Clemens, Mi Comb Co, Michigan - My wife will receive it, and have it, or the contents forwarded to me - I would like also to have some lines from Sister Catherine and John -

My love to all - May our Heavenly Parent bless you and protect you -

Affectionately your son
T. Foster

P. S. You will preserve the enclosed letter carefully -

1853 July 12

July the 12th 1853

Dear sir

I took it in my head to write to you but you must excuse it for it ~~is~~ will be very good this time but when I write again I got a letter from home to day it stated that they were all well this school is a very large school for a town there are 119 scholars here that are 4 teachers here Mr Wilson and Mr Laghlin is the principal and Mr Beiller and Betsy are the assistance miller is mitton 4 miles a have Lewisburg and Rich is pay county that are 6 boys came here from a round Lewisburg to school here their names are Howard Hay Kelly and his brother and cofman and one of the name of gardner there was 3 from harrisburg names her Harry Beeller was here untill a bout a ~~week ago~~ month ago he got sick and went home Ramgardner names here there was a said accident and here a bout two weeks a go there was a boy that used to come her last winter was working on the railroad carting ore it he was sent to mexico to get his cart for that is 3 miles below this his implant told him went the he should not run his horse for he was only a colt the boy was as large as I am when he was going down he went very safe he stoped a bout mice a bout 3 hours his mother thought that he was waiting on the cart on his way up he got in the cart and made the horse go as fast as he could he last a tavern very and there was in cart but after he left the tavern he got in the cart at first but couldnot get the horse to go fast a ~~thought~~ enought so he got on the horse back with a clout he beat the colt as hard as he could the cars war coming up

the road and this scared the horse and so he ran
off the boy could not stop him so he ran a bant
a milt he ran a ginst a rock and throwd the
cart around and break it the horse was free from the
cart he ran for 100 yards and throwd the boy of an a
stone on his head he broak his skull when he fell
the horse ran on and was not ketch untill the next
day the boy was not found untill night when the men
was going home boy found him a 2 mills from here
he was brought up home on a hand cart he was unable
for a day thir was 3 doctors call in one from mifflin and
the other two from town they shaved his head and blisted
it but this was skrow use so a day or a after ward they
cut it open and it was as large a quarter of a dollar
they pick out dirt and put on it a silver plate and
saw it up he died after 4 day that he was hurt he
was speachless all the time that he was hurt he
got spells on him at times that it took 3 men to
hold him his name was mason his mother was a
widow he was buried a bant a mile and half from
town the city of mifflin lies a bant 3 mills from
her I was up there wone ons I have been here
I inhint up untch so other boy it is improved on
this side of the river thir is a place call potersen
when I was up untch uncle John thir was know houses
thir at tall but know thir are a young town ther
know call patterson lush keeps the patterson hous
thir know the town of mifflin has not im
proved a lot it is the same little town I dont
belive that there are was a house built ons I was
thir untch uncle John on the farm that uncle used
to live on know her gat knew barn but the old
house is still thar thar are a half a dozen of
boy cames down from mifflin to school, her thir mama

are parker holadey frow fiet and ther are a other
but I think cant think of ther names not bner
and ther are wan from mexco his name is Dave Chaviss
he has a bunch of countiy schoolers from the
country that comes here to Marion
I want to gew you an acount of the way that we spend
our time here we have to get up at 8 O clock in the
morning ther are two Bell rings one to get up and the
and the other is for Breffast we have Breers every morning
and evening then after Breffast we have a intermion
of ten minites then we have to go in to studies hours
wich take up at 6 or ten minites after 6 O clock and
then keep in to 8 O clock ther are kept by the
assints teachers there two of them one of them keeps
in the morning and the other in the evening they
change every week one in the morning and the other
in the evening then after studies hours are out we have
play for a half an hour school takes up in the at 8
and a half O clock ther is a bell rings for it to be
up then we go in school so far 3 and a half hours wit open
school wich prers and every man of the boy has to say
verse in the morning thang the week and on sunday we
have to say 12 of them here we have to study for we cant
help it for if one of the boy mis two in ther lesson
they are kept in untill they can say all of the lesson
by ther self I have got to say 4 of my lesson
in the forenoon that mitchel geograpf and metch
Grammar and reading and speling miller here me say
my geography and mitchy here me say my grammar
and mr wilson here me say my Reading and spelling
I have been kept in once since I have been here
and that was for not knowing my spelling I was
not the only boy that was kept in the hol class
was kept in I was not the least out neither
I got out a bunch the second of ther and thatwas

A person cant helpt but learn here fore he has every opertunity that can be got we have to read a proposan of the Bible every day we have school every day in the far ~~week~~ week on saturday we have it for our spaling an reading campositeion if we have got noun he makes us ~~say our~~ learn wun and rait after dinner I dont like to run a round gathern up friends fore I can get them fast a nough so I have one I friend that is one that I cauld wan he is from gettesburg a his maine is John Lewis McClean he ~~is~~ know mother and his father is a cashier in the gettesburg Bank he stays here all the time he is a bout the size of me we room to gether if enny of us gets into eny snarr we help ~~teaches out~~ teaches other ant he talks of going home ~~on~~ when school Broke up and then I will try to get him to stay and stay a wile with me we have an saturday afternoon to play and that is the only time that we have to play Mr Wilson is very strict in ~~teaching~~ learning at our meal we we want go eny place we have to ask him

On last saturday afternoon I was down at the Place where the cars stay I saw & Hale and Estes Dal but I had not time to speak much for the cars ~~at out~~ Just stay a moment this are two societies here wan is ~~to~~ the name of ~~the~~ the Franklin and the other is the Platonian but the Franklin is the ~~best~~ best I belond to the Franklin all the boys has to be boys to wan they meet once a week the Franklin meates on Friday night wan week and the next week ~~the person~~ they meet one thirst night ~~so do the Platonian~~ the way that we spend our sunday are we get up & and ~~eats~~ eat and go into Bible class and when they is out we go to church then after dinner we have to learn a verses and read a chaperon it and at night we have our ~~class~~ meet my ~~little~~ little son Jam dulph from Mr Estes

1875 FEB. 7

State Capital Hotel
Harrisburg Feb 7th 1875

Mrs S M Foster
Madam
Yours Coll
has been Recd
I am Exceedingly
sorry to say to you that under
the circumstances of My Business
being taken from me for Eight
Months by Remediless Flame
I am unable to Pay the Amount
due you on the Stone Estate
which I am Exceedingly sorry
for which you aught to have
when due = this Amount I am
Paying out of My owne Pocket
Ever since the Burning of the
Hotel But Just as soon as

Can Not
As Much Money I will
Surley have it Paid over to
you Our Business at this
time is all out of No im
un till the Agonment of the
Legislature
Hoping you will indulge un till
the last Hour I will do all
in my Power to Meet your
demands

Yours truly
W. O. Thompson

1876 July 1

Harrisburg Pa
July 1, 1876

I beg leave to say, to the surviving Execu=tors of the last will of Genl Jno F. Foster decd, that it is indispensable, that they should raise a fund, to pay the taxes, or the land will be sold at Treasu=rers sale, on the 7th day of next month.

The taxes of this year also should be paid promptly — if not, for the pur=pose of obtaining a discount — to sus=tain the credit of the estate.

Miles Welsor brought suit against the estate for paving, that suit will be reached next winter — and in any event, the claim must be paid and by that time the taxes for next year will be wanted: and then, there is ano=ther ancient bill outstanding — from

which, surprising as it may seem, it will require nearly three thousand dollars ($3000 00) to carry the estate over the next eighteen months.

I would be too happy, to suggest a way, by which that sum, could be raised - other, than, by sale or loan; but I know no other way.

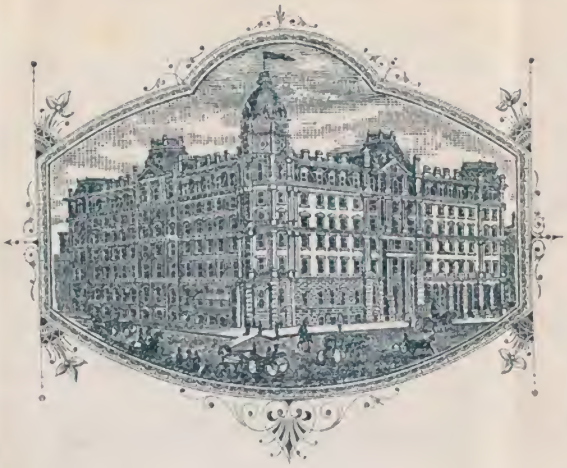
I have not overlooked the fact, that a suit is pending against the city for damages; the time when any money can be realized, out of that action is so uncertain, that it will not be wise to take it into the account.

If a loan cannot be effected, although a sale in these panicky times may invite severe criticism, there appears to be no alternative, and but a brief time for action is allowed by the circumstances.

Most respectfully your servant

Hamilton Hicks

1880 Sept. 21



WINDSOR HOTEL.

DOMINION SQUARE.

Montreal Sept 21st 1880

My dear Husband

We arrived here safely about five o'clock this morning, after a most provoking delay in starting. The train that was due at Port Kent at seven-thirty-five in the evening was detained at Round Lake (below Saratoga) for five hours, so we did not leave the Lake View House until twelve & Port Kent until one o'clock. We have delightful rooms on the first floor, so we went to bed at once. After breakfast & seeing the Marquis of Lorne start off with his guard to lay a corner stone, we took three carriages & drove to the mountain. The view from the top, which is the latest improvement which we gained by driving around & around & was lovely. The Lachine rapids in the distance & the river for miles, the city spread out like a grand panorama

around us. To Night there was a supper given to the Marquis, we saw him receiving Some of the Officers had a number of decorations. We visited the Churches of Notre Dame & the Jesuit Church. It is now ten o'clock & I am tired out, had so little sleep. We Expect to leave here Thursday night or Friday Morning for the Lake Vein Hope you are all well. Much love Your affec wife Annie A Forster.

The Office is crowded so will direct this with lead pencil

[n.d.]

Carrie sends love to Douglass & Annie & Pappa and both Grandma's & Grandpa & Aunt Willie

Chester Co July 5th

My Dear Husband

Levi rode home immediately after our arrival to notify you that we were safe. To-day is mail day but as Mr Penrose is going to Coatesville this morning I will send this by him, as it will reach you sooner. Saturday evening Heber & Willie Ball & Ock & Norman Penrose all arrived about nine o'clock and as Fanny Jacobs was already here we have a large party. Carrie seems to enjoy herself very much she tried milking the cows yesterday and was round with

the children as good a girl as you would wish to see, I am in hopes she will be strengthened and improved. We have had cool weather but not much rain. To night we expect Mrs Clingan Mrs Nethercill and Aunt Sallie Bell over from Hopewell. Levi intends going home tomorrow so he can tell you all the news. Tell Douglass I wish he was here as I know he would enjoy it. Em wants you to come down cant you? Dont forget to tell Annie that if there is any danger of currants being over she shall preserve some, but if plenty I will do them when I get home. I hope Ma is better and that our sacques have arrived. With much love to all and kisses to Doug I remain your affec Sis Annie A Foster

[n.d.]

Logan July 11th

My Dear Husband

I received your letter on Saturday afternoon, too late for Father who had left in the morning, but the bean will be just as useful for the rest of us. How does Carrie bear this warm weather? we have very warm weather with violent thunder storms just as I began this letter there was a most violent peal of thunder we think it struck very near here. Tell Father the men have not got all the wheat in yet though Isaac had sixteen hands yesterday they expected to finish to day if this rain does not last long.

Van Bull came over to see us on Sunday, brought an invitation from his Mother for Father and me to come to Westchester, Em thinks she will accompany me on tomorrow week (Wednesday) to stay a few days and come home from there. If you have made any arrangements or Mother is tired of her charge let me know and we will come directly home next Wednesday. Doug seems to be very contented but rather objects to so few vehicles or hands passing, he seems to think it a personal insult. We took a ride over to the store yesterday Doug, drove most of the way home he is very proud of it. I hope Minnie is better and that she will not have a serious sickness. Tell her Laura Haven

expects to go to North Conway
this month I dont know ~~whether~~
she will stay until August
or not. I suppose you are
enjoying your widowehood
very much so you will look
forward to its being lengthened
with composure. Em says she
would be very glad to see
Cousin Alex if he is well
enough maybe you and he
can come down, it would be
so pleasant. I hope you have
locked my bureau drawers &
Keep the Keys. Give very much
love to all Kiss Carrie and tell
he to be a good girl and obey
Grand-ma With love believe
me to be your affec Wife